

6th objective

Lead the Continuum of Care - Upcoming Events and Trainings

- Aug 19 CoC Round table - MHMR Tarrant County Healthy Community Collaborative and SafeHaven of Tarrant County Programs
- Aug 19 CoC General Meeting - Brian Trevino: Social Security Administration
- Aug 21 Amazing Race Event ! Agency Case Manager Team Learning Contest
- Aug 26 CoC Planning Council - Developing the Severity of Service Needs Tools for the CoC to Prioritize Housing Resources
- Sept 16 - CoC SOAR Leadership Forum meeting to approve draft strategic plan
- Sept 22-23 - Rapid Rehousing Workshops with Abt Associates REGISTRATION

Looking Ahead to next CoC Quarterly Report...

- ⇒ Update on Documentation of Priority Status of unsheltered and emergency sheltered homeless across the CoC and the waitlists
- ⇒ Ending Veteran Homelessness 100 Day Campaign rollout - ending chronic
- ⇒ Rapid Rehousing Learning Collaborative plan
- ⇒ HUD announcement for PY 2014 CoC Program funds
- ⇒ Roll Out of ZERO: 2016 campaign for Ending Chronic Homelessness and PIT2015



Participation in the Continuum of Care is open to the public.

CoC General Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 10:30 am and Noon
Broadway Baptist Church, 305 W. Broadway, Fort Worth, Texas • TCHC Calendar at AHomeWithHope.org

Goals of the Continuum of Care

- End chronic homelessness by 2015
- End veteran homelessness by 2015
- Reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness
- Reduce the length of stay in homelessness
- End family homelessness by 2020
- Reduce the incidence of sexual and physical assault against homeless women

Schedule of CoC Strategic Plan Progress Reports

May 30, 2014

August 29, 2014

November 25, 2014

February 27, 2015

May 29, 2015

August 28, 2015

December 16, 2015

August 13, 2014 QPR

2014-2015 Continuum of Care Strategic Plan



Lead, coordinate and develop strategies and resources to end homelessness.






Quarterly Progress Report—Highlights

HMIS 2.0 (CoC SP OBJ 1 - 6) - The weekend of July 25/26, TCHC and Social Solutions completed the complete migration of the Homeless Management System enterprise to the upgraded ETO HMIS 2.0. The process was very successful. The migration and new system requires training, records merging, and trouble shooting and re-building of custom reports. All business and use of the HMIS was not interrupted. Between July 29 through August 8 121 users have been provided one on one training utilizing the computer lab at the Fort Worth Housing Authority Administration building. TCHC will begin in August to provide two HMIS New User Trainings and Intermediate Trainings per month on the first and third Wednesday.

Continuum of Care Policies and Procedures (CoC SP OBJ 6) - Texas Homeless Network contracted with a technical assistance provider to assist all Texas CoC's to develop Continuum of Care Policies and Procedures that would be in line with HEARTH Act requirements for CoC governance by the HUD projected August 30 deadline. Well, we made it! CoC Policies and Procedures will be reviewed at least annually, and will serve as a guiding document to achieve the goals of the CoC, guidance on our local strategies to provide an emergency response system and a transparent process for the allocation of our resources. The CoC P&P will be maintained by TCHC and posted on the website.

SOAR Leadership Forum Strategic Planning (CoC SP OBJ 4) - The national technical assistance providers, Policy Research Associates, conducted a daylong strategic planning with 31 agency staff on August 7 to draft our local SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) Strategic Plan. The primary goal of the plan is to increase participants obtaining mainstream benefits. On September 16 the SOAR Leadership Forum will meet to finalize our SOAR Strategic Plan, elect an executive committee and map out first action steps. This strategic plan will recommend needed staffing decisions that will be brought to the CoC Board for action and assistance in developing this capacity within the CoC.

Integration of Coordinated Assessment Prioritization Procedures (CoC SP OBJ 1 and 5) - HUD issued NOTICE CPD-14-012 detailing very specific guidance on how communities prioritize who is a priority for permanent supportive housing beds. This is related to the 85% policy the CoC Board passed in January. This guidance has been incorporated into our CoC's Policies and Procedures under "Coordinated Assessment System." The CAS system of Documentation of Priority Status developed by TCHC and implemented in May 2014 can easily adopt the guidance. It was already set up on a documentation based prioritization (P1, P2, P3, etc.) with the capacity to produce a list of clients that are chronic, long time homeless, and prioritized for permanent supportive housing. The new element of prioritization that must now be decided upon is the measure of "Severity of Service Needs" - literally scoring or categorizing acuity of need. Once fully implemented, the Coordinated Access System, in collaboration with the CoC Planning Council, will begin establishing specific standards for the prioritization of Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing. These recommendations will be brought forward to the CoC Board in October.

1 Objective  INCREASE PROGRESS TOWARDS ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS	2 Objective  INCREASE HOUSING STABILITY	3 Objective  INCREASE INCOMES OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS	4 Objective  INCREASE PARTICIPANTS OBTAINING	5 Objective  USE RAPID REHOUSING TO REDUCE
<p>1. Increase the supply of Permanent Supportive Housing beds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Include an RFP for new permanent supportive housing projects in FY 2014 and FY 2015 CoC Program Grants > Seek local funding to meet the 25% match requirement to support new CoC PSH projects > Advocate for the development of permanent supportive housing and housing units dedicated for households below 30% AMI <p>2. Increase the portion of existing beds dedicated for the chronically homeless to 85%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Maintain the master inventory of permanent supportive housing to immediately identify available units > Streamline the process of verifying priority populations for PSH housing through the Coordinated Assessment System > Award local performance scores to agencies that maintain 100% occupancy <p>3. Increase turnover of CoC PSH beds through achievement of housing independence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Implement the Independent Housing Readiness Assessment process as an annual PSH participant self sufficiency review > Update and optimize the search capabilities of the TCHC web-based housing inventory 	<p>1. Increase the number of persons that exit PSH programs into permanent housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Increase funding for the Direct Client Services Fund to expand to outside of the City of Fort Worth for deposits, application fees and move in > Expand the MHMR Tenant Based Solutions program to develop community and neighborhood support systems where clients reside <p>2. Increase preventative and primary health, mental health and behavioral health care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Implement the strategies of the Healthy Community Collaborative Grant Program > Coordinate the activities of the CoC with the JPS Care Connections for the Homeless DSRIP program > Approve a county-wide hospital discharge planning policy > Establish a Back To Basic program targeting the homeless population <p>3. Expand outreach and rapid rehousing for homeless women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Establish this subpopulation as a priority for ESG funding in the Fort Worth, Arlington and Tarrant County 2014 Consolidated Action Plans > Formalize the homeless women's workgroup as a committee of the Continuum of Care Board > Establish outreach to homeless women as a specific funding priority for ESG funds > Establish rapid rehousing 'bridge' housing programs for chronically homeless women with ESG 	<p>1. Increase access to critical documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Update the TCHC Critical Documents web application > Streamline online payment method options for agencies to reduce time to access documents > Develop archive of copies of critical documents when received by the client within the HMIS client record > Expand critical document secure storage for emergency sheltered and unsheltered clients <p>2. Increase training and job skills opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Expand the use of the Direct Client Services fund for securing training certifications, licenses, exams and tests > Secure scholarship funding for the Fort Worth Housing Authority Certified Nurse Assistant training program <p>3. Increase employment opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Develop the web-based pilot project that introduces employment ready homeless to potential employers 'IWillWork.org' > Expand transitional employment opportunities through Workforce Solutions <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> = No significant action taken (9) = Action item started (14) = Significant benchmark achieved (22) </div>	<p>1. Increase access to SSI/SSDI benefits for persons with disability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Create SOAR Network within the CoC made up of one dedicated SOAR leads at each homeless provider agency > Provide two SOAR trainings through Texas Homeless Network per year > Fully implement utilization of the SOAR Online Application Tracking System (OAT) > Apply for the SOAR national Technical Assistance Grant <p>2. Increase access to SNAPs/TANF/WIC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Establish benefits specialist lead at each homeless provider agency > Develop HMIS driven tracking of application progress > Develop archive of client documents required for application for benefits within the HMIS client record > Train agencies on benefits appeal processes > Educate recipients on how to maintain their benefits, recertify, and what to do if loss or denied. <p>3. Increase access to VA benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Integrate Veteran Services Agencies into the Continuum of Care > Provide VA access to the Direct Client Services Fund for VASH applicants for deposits, critical documents, transportation and move in 	<p>1. Increase the supply of rapid rehousing from CoC Program and Emergency Solutions Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Apply to TDHCA as an ESG direct grantee to provide local decision making in the allocation of state funds > Conduct quarterly planning meetings of transitional housing and rapid rehousing providers to improve success in current RRH programs <p>2. Convert more transitional housing programs into rapid rehousing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Explore best—practices in transforming CoC Transitional Housing programs into a Rapid Rehousing model > Conduct NAEH sponsored Rapid Rehousing Workshop > Create a one-year Rapid Rehousing Learning Collaborative > Develop a plan to retain transitional housing programs for domestic violence victims . <p>3. Prioritize families for rapid rehousing through the Coordinated Assessment System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Establish formal communications procedures with school districts in the identification and prioritization of families at risk of and falling into homelessness > Centralize eligibility paperwork for homeless prevention assistance in the HMIS and through the Coordinated Assessment System